

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 075896

51

ORIGIN PA-03

INFO OCT-01 CCO-00 RSC-01 SS-15 FILE-01 SSO-00 ADP-00

NEA-10 /031 R

DRAFTED BY PA/ PG: HSFOSTER: DS

4/22/73 EXT. 22376

APPROVED BY PA/ PG- DBROWN

S/ S- O: W. NEWLIN

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

S/ S, D, NEA, PA

----- 006591

O R 221955 Z APR 73 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

UNCLAS STATE 075896

TODEP 148

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: US, PINT, PFOR, XD, XF

SUBJECT: AMERICAN NEWS AND COMMENT

1. HIGHLIGHTS. SATURDAY SUNDAY PAPERS FEATURED WATERGATE; SUNDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE UN REBUKES ISRAEL AND HITS RECENT ACTS OF VIOLENCE. SATURDAY HEADLINES INCLUDED NIXON VOWS TO CABINET TOUGH WATERGATE PROBE; MITCHELL SAYS PAYMENTS WENT FOR TRIAL EXPENSES OF SEVEN, NOT TO BUY BUGGING SI- LENCE; ALSO US RESUMES PHOTO FLIGHTS OVER NORTH VIETNAM.

1 A. SATURDAY BALTSUN INSIDE HAD PHOTO OF RUSH AND STORY, MRS. GANDHI CONFERS WITH TWO US OFFICIALS, PLUS STORY ON PAKISTAN POW ISSUE; WASHPOST NYTIMES HAD PAKISTAN STORIES WITH TRAILERS ON RUSH. OTHER INSIDE STORIES SATURDAY IN- CLUDED: UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO BROADEN MIDEAST DEBATE; NYTIMES SHABAD MOSCOW STRESSING REAL PROBLEM IS NOT EXIT TAX BUT RIGHT TO LEAVE; JUNTA SAYS GREECE IS NOT RIPE FOR DEMOCRACY, ALSO ATHENS LAWYER GRILLED FOR SEVEN HOURS. UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 075896

1 B. SUNDAY INSIDE BALTSUN HAS RUSH TELLS INDIA US REFUSES TO RULE OUT ARMS AID TO PAKISTAN, WITH TRAILER REPORTING

ARRIVAL IN TEHRAN; WASHSTAR HAS US- INDIA RELATIONS SEEN STILL RUFFLED; NYTIMES HAS BRIEF STORY. TWO US OFFICIALS END NEW DELHI VISIT. ALSO WASHPOST HAS STORY, ITALIAN

NEWSPAPER REPORTS NEW SUEZ CANAL PLANNED. SOME COMMENT ON VARIOUS MIDEAST ITEMS.

1 C. OTHER SUNDAY INSIDE ITEMS ARE: QE2 ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; SEVEN NEW YORK STUDENTS ARRESTED BRIEFLY IN MOSCOW FOR DEMONSTRATING OUTSIDE VISA OFFICE; NYTIMES TEL AVIV REPORTS GROWING NUMBER OF SOVIET JEWS LEAVE ISRAEL OR DIVERT TO AMERICA AND EUROPE, ADDING PROPORTION IS UNDER ONE PERCENT; BALTSUN REVIEW SECTION HAS FEATURE BY STANLEY BLUMBERG ON HOW TO GET TRADE WITH RUSSIA AND AID JEWS, PROPOSING ANNUAL VOTE BY CONGRESS TO RENEW MFN.

2. RUSH. SATURDAY NYTIMES HAD NEW DELHI AP HEADED US PLEDGES NONINTERFERENCE, SAYING RUSH BROUGHT A PLEDGE TO NEW DELHI TODAY THAT US WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN ANY INDIAN- BANGLADESH DISPUTE WITH PAKISTAN.

2 A. WASHPOST HAS SAME AP ITEM UNDER HEADING RUSH PLEDGES NEUTRALITY, STORY ADDING RUSH CONFERRED WITH PM GANDHI AS 3 OO DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED AT US EMBASSY TO PROTEST AMERICAN ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN, ALSO ADDING RUSH SAID THE SUPPLIES-- ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND OTHER ITEMS-- MERELY FULFILLED STANDING COMMITMENTS AND CANNOT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE REGION.

2 B. BALTSUN SPECIAL, ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTO, REPORTED RUSH SISCO HAD USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS WITH GANDHI, RUSH HAVING PLEDGED PM THAT US WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE RESOLUTION OF PAKISTAN'S DIFFERENCES WITH INDIA AND BANGLADESH. SPECIAL REPORTS RUSH SAID HIS TALKS WITH PM AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS MADE HIM FEEL OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF AMERICAN- INDIAN RELATIONS. STORY SAYS RUSH, IN RESPONSE TO NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS, PLAYED DOWN THE RESUMPTION OF US ARMS SUPPLIES TO PAKISTAN UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 075896

WHICH HAS CAUSED PROTESTS IN INDIA. DISCUSSIONS ALSO TOUCHED ON INDO- US TRADE RELATIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED TO TECHNICAL EXPERTS, STORY SAYS, ADDING THAT QUESTION OF US ECONOMIC AID TO INDIA WAS NOT DISCUSSED. STORY ADDS THAT DURING THE TALKS SEVERAL HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS LED BY MEMBERS OF MRS. GANDHI'S RULING CONGRESS PARTY PROTESTED US RESUMPTION OF ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN OUTSIDE US EMBASSY.

2 C. SUNDAY WASHSTAR HAS NEW DELHI UPI REPORTING THAT THE SECOND- RANKING OFFICIAL IN STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS NIXON

AND GANDHI ARE TRYING VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BUT HIS COMMENTS INDICATED THAT HIS VISIT HERE HAD NOT SMOOTHED OVER RUFFLED US- INDIAN RELATIONS. UPI QUOTES

RUSH: THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE PUSHING FORWARD TOWARD UNDERSTANDING THE ACTION OF THE OTHER IN A MUCH MORE SATISFACTORY MANNER THAN IN THE PAST. UPI NOTES RIFT WITH US CAUSED BY INDO- PAKISTAN WAR AND RECENT RESUMPTION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS. UPI SAYS RUSH SISCO LEFT FOR SRI LANKA, WITH RUSH SAYING: I AM LEAVING WITH A MUCH CLEARER CONCEPT OF THE THINKING OF THE LEADERS OF INDIA; I HOPE I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE THEM A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE VIEWS OF MY PRESIDENT AND MY COUNTRY. WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON INDO- US RELATIONS, UPI SAYS RUSH SAID: I SEE NO GREAT ISSUES BETWEEN US; THERE HAS BEEN MISUNDERSTANDING, PERHAPS, ON PART OF BOTH NATIONS AS TO THE REASONS WHY THE OTHER WAS CARRYING OUT ACTIONS THAT IT DID; I CAN SAY YOUR PRIME MINISTER AND YOUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR GOVERNMENT ARE TRYING VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BETTER, WHICH IS THE REAL BASIS FOR GOOD RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS.

2 D. SUNDAY NYTIMES SPECIAL FROM NEW DELHI REPORTED RUSH COMPLETED VISIT AND URGED A SOUNDER, MORE REALISTIC AND MORE COOPERATIVE FOOTING IN RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND INDIA. STORY SAYS RUSH SISCO MET WITH PM GANDHI AND FOMIN SINGH AND OTHER OFFICIALS, RUSH SAYING AFTERWARD: I AM CONVINCED INDIA IS JUST AS ANXIOUS AS WE ARE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS.

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 075896

2 E. SUNDAY BALTSUN HAS NEW DELHI STORY BY SABHARWAL STRESSING US REFUSES TO RULE OUT FUTURE ARMS SUPPLIES TO PAKISTAN, RUSH MAKING STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT BEFORE FLYING TO SRI LANKA. SABHARWAL SAYS RUSH'S POSITION WAS VIEWED AS BEING CONTRARY TO ASSURANCES GIVEN LAST MONTH BY MOYNIHAN TO PM WHEN HE ASSURED HER US WOULD STOP SENDING ARMS TO PAKISTAN ONCE IT FULFILLED ITS PAST COMMITMENTS, SABHARWAL SAYING THAT WHEN RUSH WAS PRESSED ON THIS POINT AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE RUSH REPLIED VAGUELY THAT AMERICA WOULD DO WHAT WE THINK BEST IN THE CONTEXT OF PROMOTING PEACE AND RECONCILIATION AMONG INDIA PAKISTAN BANGLADESH. ACCORDING SABHARWAL, INDIAN LEADERS WERE DIS- SATISFIED WITH RUSH'S STATEMENT, ONE OFFICIAL SAYING THE SUPPLYING OF US WEAPONS TO PAKISTAN WAS NOW AN OPEN QUESTION. SABHARWAL SAYS ANOTHER WORRY WAS WHETHER IRAN HAS BEEN TRANSFERRING WEAPONS TO PAKISTAN AND THAT RUSH DENIED ARMS WERE BEING TRANSFERRED. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT MASSIVE IRANIAN ARMS PURCHASES, ACCORDING SABHARWAL, RUSH REPLIED THAT IRAN-- LIKE INDIA-- WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND

THUS WAS ALLOWED TO PURCHASE WHAT IT WANTS FROM US.

SABHARWAL REPORTS INDIA IS SAID TO FEAR AN ALLIANCE OF IRAN AND PAKISTAN WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE BALANCE OF POWER AGAINST INDIA. ACCORDING SABHARWAL, RUSH SAID HIS TALKS WITH INDIAN LEADERS HELPED HIM UNDERSTAND INDIA'S VIEWS AND HE HOPED THEY HAD BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF US POLICY. IN HIS DEPARTURE STATEMENT, SAYS SABHARWAL, RUSH SAID INDO- AMERICAN RELATIONS NEED TO BE PLACED ON A SOUNDER, MORE REALISTIC AND MORE COOPERATIVE FOOTING.

2 F. BALTSUN HAS AS TRAILER TEHRAN AP REPORTING RUSH SISCO ARRIVED FOR CONFERENCE FOR HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS FROM GREECE TO BANGLADESH, ADDING HELMS SAID CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN TEHRAN BECAUSE OF IRAN'S STABILITY AND SECURITY. MEETING AGENDA, SAYS AP, IS US POLICY IN THE AREA.

3. PAKISTAN. SATURDAY PAPERS REPORTED PAKISTAN REJECTED INDIAN- BANGLADESH PLAN FOR POW'S BUT INVITED INDIA TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ISLAMABAD TO CLARIFY PROPOSAL. SUNDAY BALTSUN HAS RAWLPINDI AP REPORTING BHUTTO SAID YESTERDAY UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 05 STATE 075896

IT WAS PAKISTAN'S EARNEST DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH ALL ITS NEIGHBORS.

4. CANAL. WASHPOST HAS ROME REUTER SAYING SADAT IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE WITHIN 60 DAYS AN AGREEMENT ON BUILDING A NEW SUEZ CANAL, ACCORDING TO IL MESSAGGERO, WHOSE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, LUCIO MANISCO, WROTE THAT BUILDING A NEW CANAL WAS THE BASIS OF ITALY'S SECRET MIDEAST PEACE PLAN THAT WAS DISCUSSED DURING ANDREOTTI'S VISIT WITH NIXON. NEWSPAPER SAID 42 NATIONS WOULD TAKE PART IN PROJECT HAVING INITIAL CAPITAL OF 2.8 BILLION DOLLARS, HALF OF WHICH WOULD BE PUT UP BY EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. ACCORDING REUTER, NEW CANAL WOULD BE DEEPER AND TWICE AS WIDE AS PRESENT ONE, WOULD TAKE 18 MONTHS TO BUILD, AND BE ABLE TO HANDLE TANKERS UP TO 400,000 TONS. ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN IN 60 DAYS BY SADAT PROBABLY IN UNITED NATIONS, NEWSPAPER SAID.

5. SECURITY COUNCIL. SATURDAY DISPATCHES REPORTED COUNCIL AGREED TO OPEN FULL- SCALE REVIEW OF MIDEAST SITUATION AND UN PEACE- MAKING EFFORTS THERE BUT DEFERRED ACTION ON BRITISH- FRENCH PROPOSAL TO CONDEMN ISRAEL. SUNDAY PAPERS REPORT ON YESTERDAY'S ACTION, AP IN WASHSTAR STRESSING THAT, WITH THE THREE SUPERPOWERS ABSTAINING, COUNCIL CONDEMNED ISRAEL FOR ITS COMMANDO ATTACKS AGAINST LEBANON, ADDING US AND SOVIET UNION THEN CLASHED ON QUESTION OF ARMS DELIVERIES TO MIDEAST. AP NOTES LATER THAT RESOLU-

TION ALSO CONDEMNED ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH ENDANGER OR TAKE INNOCENT LIVES. AP QUOTES SCALI, APPARENTLY REFERRING TO SOVIET DELIVERY OF MIGS TO SYRIA, US DOES NOT PROPOSE TO SIT IDLY BY WHILE OTHERS POUR ARMS INTO MIDEAST FOR ONE SIDE, THUS TEMPTING SOME GOVERNMENTS TO RISK ANOTHER ROUND OF MIDEAST WAR. WASHSTAR ON SAME PAGE HAS STORY HEADED, EGYPT SEES NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT ISRAEL. WASHPOST, HOWEVER, HAS CAIRO STORY BY DULLFORCE HEADED, EGYPT STILL PLANS DIPLOMATIC BATTLE, DULLFORCE REPORTING THAT, IN FIRST POLICY STATEMENT BY NEW CABINET, HATEM SAID EGYPT WOULD CONTINUE TO CONCENTRATE ON POLITICAL MEANS TO RECOVER OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY.

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 06 STATE 075896

5 A. BALTSUN HAS REUTER REPORT WHICH STRESSES SECURITY COUNCIL WITHOUT A SINGLE NEGATIVE VOTE CONDEMNED ISRAEL'S REPEATED MILITARY ATTACKS AGAINST LEBANON AND THE TERRORISTS' ACTS OF VIOLENCE, ADDING THAT SCALI CAST AN ABSTENTION ON GROUNDS THAT THE RESOLUTION STILL DID NOT DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH THE TERRORIST ASSAULTS. NYTIMES ALDEN NOTES THAT THE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN ALTERED SOMEWHAT TO AVOID A US VETO AND QUOTES SCALI SAYING US ABSTAINED BECAUSE RESOLUTION DIDN'T PROVIDE FOR THE EVEN-HANDED CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI RAID AND TERRORIST ACTS, ALDEN ADDING THAT RUSSIA CHINA GUINEA ABSTAINED BECAUSE RESOLUTION WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH IN CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL. WASHPOST ASTRACHAN SAYS THE CONDEMNATION OF VIOLENCE WAS FIRST ACTION UN HAD EVER TAKEN AGAINST TERRORISM, ACCORDING TO WESTERN AND NEUTRAL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, ADDING THAT IN VIEW OF VETERAN DIPLOMATS THIS WAS MOST BALANCED RESOLUTION COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ON A MIDEAST ISSUE SINCE 1967 WAR BUT ARAB AND ISRAELI SPEECHES MADE CLEAR COUNCIL ACTION WOULD HALT NEITHER GUERRILLA ACTIONS NOR REPRISALS.

5 B. WASHPOST HAD SHORT TEL AVIV UPI REPORTING ISRAEL'S CAPTURE OF 3 ARAB GUERRILLAS TWO MILES SOUTH OF LEBANESE BORDER. BALTSUN HAS JERUSALEM REUTER REPORTING EBAN SHARPLY CRITICIZED COUNCIL FOR FAILURE TO EXPLICITLY CONDEMN ARAB TERRORISM.

6. SULZBERGER. TODAY'S TIMES HAS C. L. SULZBERGER INTERVIEW WITH SHAH IN WHICH LATTER SAYS HE DOESN'T REALLY BELIEVE IN PACTS, PREFERS TO BELIEVE IN CRUDE REALITY AND IN SELF-RELIANCE. SULZBERGER SAYS SHAH SEES PRIMORDIAL PROBLEM OF AREA PREVENTION OF WEST PAKISTAN FROM WHOLLY FALLING APART, BECAUSE IN THAT CASE ANOTHER VIETNAM SITUATION COULD DEVELOP. IF PAKISTAN DID FALL APART, SHAH INDICATED LEAST IRAN COULD DO WOULD BE SOME SORT OF PROTECTIVE REACTION IN BALUCHISTAN. PORTER

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 07 MAY 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 APR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE075896
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: PA/ PG: HSFOSTER: DS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730460/abqcemls.tel
Line Count: 271
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN PA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: willialc
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29-Aug-2001 by reddocgw>; APPROVED <24-Jan-2002 by willialc>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> srp 980128
Subject: AMERICAN NEWS AND COMMENT
TAGS: PFOR, PINT, US, XD, XF
To: TEHRAN INFO NEW DELHI
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005